



Visa Services

Emergencies

For better customer service and **only** in cases of extreme urgency, the United States Embassy Paramaribo, Suriname will allow expedited visa application appointments. To request an earlier appointment, please follow the instructions below.

1. Fill out the NIV form, DS-160 once you have completed the form be sure to print out only your confirmation sheet and bring it in with all other documents on the day of your appointment.
2. Send the Consular Section an explanation letter, the DS-160 Confirmation sheet and the supporting documents of the unforeseen emergency reason for the request for an Emergency/Expedited visa Appointment via fax email at caparamar@state.gov
3. Once the email is received we will immediately review your message.
4. An Officer will consider your request and you will be contacted about our decision.

How to request an early appointment for Students/Exchange visitor

1. Fill out the NIV form, DS-160 once you have completed the form be sure to print out only your confirmation sheet and bring it in with all other documents (e.g. original I-20/DS-2019) on the day of your appointment.
2. If you have your I-20/DS2019 and there is no appointment in the on-line appointment system available to allow you to obtain your visa in time to travel by your required reporting time, you can email the Consular Section at caparamar@state.gov and request an emergency appointment. Include your full name and contact information as well as a copy of your I-20/DS2019 that includes your reporting date to school. Someone from the Consular Section will contact you if you are found eligible for an emergency appointment for your student visa.
3. An I-20/DS2019 is not required to make the appointment on-line. Any missing information should be supplied to the Embassy at the time of your interview

A limited number of visa applicants may qualify for emergency visa interview appointments. To obtain an emergency appointment you must satisfy one or more of the criteria listed below.

The criteria:

- You need to obtain urgent medical care in the U.S. You need to accompany an immediate family member who requires urgent medical care. Immediate family members include mother, father, brother, sister, child, spouse;
- An immediate family member in the U.S. has a serious medical condition and requires your presence urgently;
- You need to attend the funeral of an immediate family member;
- You need to attend an urgent and late breaking business matter, where the need to travel to the U.S. could not have been foreseen;
- You need to make an appearance in a U.S. court .

What you need to consider:

If you believe you qualify for an emergency appointment, please read the following points carefully, before you apply for an emergency appointment:

- You must have documentary evidence to prove that you satisfy one or more of the criteria for an emergency appointment. (See above);
- If the consular officer finds you misrepresented your reason for travel to the U.S., a record of the misrepresentation goes in your case file and may adversely influence the outcome of your current and future visa applications;
- If the consular officer determines you do not have a genuine emergency, as defined by the criteria above, the officer will ask you to schedule your appointment through our online appointment system;
- Once you obtain an emergency appointment, you are treated as a normal visa applicant; you must qualify for a U.S. visa in every respect ;
- The Visa Application Fee and the appointment fee are nonrefundable.